

**Patent claims**

1. Arrangement comprising a cervical prosthesis (3)  
5 and an insertion instrument (1) with a pair of  
gripping members (2) which grip the prosthesis (3)  
on opposite sides, characterized in that the  
gripping members (2) and the prosthesis (3) have  
complementary projections (18, 19) and recesses  
10 (15, 17) which precisely define the relative  
position of the prosthesis (3) at least in its A-P  
direction and can be brought into engagement and  
can be released from one another by relative  
movement of the gripping members (2) in a  
15 direction transverse to the longitudinal direction  
of the insertion instrument (1) and transverse to  
the A-P direction of the prosthesis (3), and in  
that a holder (20) is provided which receives the  
prosthesis (3) with an exact fit and has, on the  
20 anterior face of the prosthesis (3), an opening  
(26) with guide elements (37 to 41) for guiding  
the insertion instrument (1) into a removal  
position in which the complementary projections  
(18, 19) and recesses (15, 17) lie opposite one  
25 another ready to engage.
2. Arrangement according to Claim 1, characterized in  
that releasable means (35) are provided for fixing  
the prosthesis (3) in the exact fit position in  
30 the holder.